

Franklin County Council February 28, 2006 in County Commissioners room @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Donald "Butch" Williams Carroll Lanning Kenneth Rosenberger Jeff Koch Hollie Sintz Martha Bergman Robert Runyon

Elected Officials: Thomas Wilson Robert Brack Louis Linkel

Franklin County Chief Deputy Auditor: Catherine Stockhoff

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting with pledge of allegiance

- I. January 24, 2006 minutes
 - a. Kenneth Rosenberger motions to approve
 - b. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- II. Transfer of Funds (**Resolution 2006-06**)
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams reads resolution
 - b. Robert Runyon questions what a transcriber (for Auditor) and fax is for.
 - c. Carol Monroe explains the transcriber is in front of them recording the minutes
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – replies he witnessed the fax dieing.
 - e. Carroll Lanning motions to accept resolution
 - f. Robert Runyon seconds the motion
 - g. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- III. Additional Appropriation (**Resolution 2006-07**)
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution
 - b. Jeff Koch questions Stock Pile Road
 - c. Hollie Sintz explains they are not sure what they will need
 - d. Jeff Koch question Railfence Road – Bridge #110
 - e. Louis Linkel replies completion will be in 2007
 - f. Jeff Koch questions Vine Street - Bridge #164
 - g. Louis Linkel – replies this Fall
 - h. Robert Brack – those are all Federal Funded Bridges and the determine (completion)
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – when you are getting this money now, it is being spent
 - j. Louis Linkel – the county invests a lot of money in these bridges long before the project even gets started.
 - k. Robert Brack – we are going to Lawrenceburg to (try to) get funding for Johnson Fork because that is a through road and farmers need to get their grains out.
 - l. Carroll Lanning questions funding for Park & Recreation (grant)-was trying to save some money
 - m. Donald "Butch" Williams – will let Cathy (Stockhoff) tell you what she found out from Gail Snyder (DLGF) today regarding 2006
 - n. Cathy Stockhoff – She (Gail Snyder) is expecting that County General can fund \$3,664,000, which raises the cut to 1.5 (million).
 - o. Donald "Butch" Williams – we have to cut 1.5 million
 - p. Cathy Stockhoff – (amount) not official
 - q. Donald "Butch" Williams – just brace yourselves. What we can’t cut, the state is going to cut. We have no choice. Open for motions.
 - r. Kenneth Rosenberger questions \$2,000.00
 - s. Jeff Jones states that is a grant from the community foundation
 - t. Kenneth Rosenberger motions to approve
 - u. Carroll Lanning seconds the motion
 - v. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- IV. Loan to County General (**Resolution 2006-05**)
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – Cathy (Stockhoff) told me that we will not receive any sizeable money until May. Her thought and I agree with it was to do the loans on an as need basis. She feels this amount will get us through until the next meeting. Reads resolution.
 - b. Robert Runyon motions to approve
 - c. Hollie Sintz seconds the motion
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- V. Abatement for Brookville Senior Housing
 - a. Kenneth Nelson – working with Dr. Edwards on affordable housing to develop 35 senior apartments of one and two bedrooms up on 101 next to nursing home. The abatement we are asking for is a state approved abatement that is automatic approved by the legislature. We are not asking for local approval but as we are submitting, our letter to the state for the tax credit funding – on that, there are points awarded for your competitiveness on the application. They ask on the application for local contribution and what we are asking for is that this automatic abatement be considered the local contribution. We have a letter we wanted signed by the proper local authority. Commissioners ask that I come to the County Council to present this. The abatement in any year is not a total abatement - the first year is 75%, second year = 50%, next is 25% and then the full rate (the following year). The ground there will still be paying (100%) taxes.
 - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – this is just on the improvements, not what is there now?
 - c. Kenneth Nelson – yes. We hope is we get funding (will be notified in June), construction will start late fall. We did a market study, went through planning and have met with drainage people and have our drainage plan worked out. We have given our calculations of the drainage to the County Surveyor.
 - d. Catherine Stockhoff – it will be taxed on whatever is there on the March 1 date.
 - e. Kenneth Nelson – don’t know if anyone has tried to use the abatement as the local contribution.
 - f. Donald "Butch" Williams – through your application, we basically don’t have a choice but to accept this?
 - g. Kenneth Nelson – yes, I am not into legislation but any project you can see affordable housing-there is a whole list of projects that are eligible for the automatic abatement
 - h. Donald "Butch" Williams – I have a problem with the letter. Refers paragraph that starts – to support the operation. Feels the “Town of Brookville” should say “Franklin County”.
 - i. Kenneth Nelson – I am not asking you to pass it, I am asking you to say the abatement is the local contribution.
 - j. Robert Runyon – I make a motion not to sign/approve
 - k. Kenneth Rosenberger - seconds the motion
- VI. Communication Overtime vs. Comp time
 - a. Joyce Monroe – everyone is aware of our problem with part time. With the examples on the sheet, we will save money.

- b. Tracy Lightfield – we are not asking for additional money, just to pay out of E-911 additional help. We end up being a training ground for every other agency. The full time dispatchers are accumulating more time than they can take off. We want part time to work it. Not anyone can do this job-I don't care who you are. Joyce has put in adds and have no viable candidates.
- c. Robert Brack – we have no problem with changing the handbook.
- d. Hollie Sintz – how many hours does a full time person work per week
- e. Tracy Lightfield – 40 hours. This is not from the general fund.
- VII. BRLWD Annual Report for 2005
 - a. Tedd Stubbs – reviews annual report with County Council and opens up for questions
 - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – really appreciates Tedd coming with updates. Ask Tedd to bring a map showing the district (boundaries).
 - c. Tedd Stubbs – the district can expand their boundaries – in looking at Blooming Grove. That project has not gone anywhere according to state information – because the income survey wasn't submitted.
 - d. Robert Runyon – they talked about going to Everton.
 - e. Tedd Stubbs – it makes perfect since and our board would be supportive of that.
 - f. Robert Runyon – do you go across the river?
 - g. Tedd Stubbs – not at this time. The biggest concern of that would be the age of the bridge (causeway) and if anything would happen to that bridge, we would be responsible for moving that line. On the other side of the lake, there are some concerns. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.
 - h. Council thanks Tedd for coming in.
- VIII. Software in Jail
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – we need to keep in mind, there was offers made by the Sheriff of using some funds, but we need some definite. Every penny we handle is taxpayers money. We are not going to have a rainy day fund. We need to have a definite – it is my understanding that the county (other than the money from misdemeanor, prosecutor, and Judge) will not have to come up with any money in 2006?
 - b. Carroll Lanning – the down payment would take care of the first year.
 - c. Robert Brack – you need to talk to the Judge.
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – I will do what ever you guys tell me to do. We have a lot of big decisions to make.
 - e. Carroll Lanning – he said he could use misdemeanor fund every year.
 - f. Donald "Butch" Williams – we have got to have a figure so we know where we at.
 - g. Catherine Stockhoff – they are paying for it over five years?
 - h. Carroll Lanning – yes
 - i. Kenneth Rosenberger – we need to get a hold of Dale (Maxie) and have him put down in black and white.
 - j. Hollie Sintz – every day this county grows. We are not getting anywhere.
 - k. Donald "Butch" Williams – I asked about certified shares.
 - l. Catherine Stockhoff – explains how certified shares (CAGIT and PTRC) works.
 - m. Jeff Koch – so, the school's piece keeps getting bigger and bigger and everyone is getting squeezed out.
 - n. John Estridge – in Union County he was told that the State uses PTRC as a billy club
 - o. Catherine Stockhoff – yes, they do hold that over the counties head. If we are not compliant with certain things the will hold that. At this time, we are not aware of anything we are not in compliant with. We have sent in all of the information in but have not received any confirmation that it is good or bad. They are not withholding our PTRC that we are aware of. Being compliant refers to DATA we sent to the DLGF (assessed values, deductions, etc.) CAGIT money is a year behind.
 - p. Carroll Lanning – what is the 18 month cycle
 - q. Catherine Stockhoff – the estimated revenue for the budgets. When doing budgets we have to estimate what we are going to get in the rest of the year (6 months) and all of next year.
 - r. Donald "Butch" Williams – assuming Marion County has already adopted and done away with the inventory tax. We can replaced one of them with a quarter percent (by law) to offset, but Sharon (Halcomb) figured it would not be enough.
 - s. Robert Brack – 41 counties have adopted.
 - t. Catherine Stockhoff – actual figures for 2005 increased.
 - u. Donald "Butch" Williams – would like a couple of fresh eyes to look at this. There has got to be something-we know the school is taking more. Talk with Cathy (Stockhoff). This is horrible. Bob Harris called me a week ago Friday and at that time he told me 2 major points 1-the rainy day fund has no affect and can be spent any way we want and 2-he was told we were already sent the 1782 notice which is not right. So he also said we had been spending our cash reserves and I said where are they-and this is when the certified shares came up.
 - v. Hollie Sintz – we are talking about all of this money we have to cut and feels we really need a consultant to help us.
 - w. Robert Brack – the rainy day fund doesn't hurt us but it doesn't help us. If the cash in the rainy day fund was in the general fund then you wouldn't have such a deficit
 - x. Catherine Stockhoff – the reserves are gone is how they (DLGF) look at it. When they approve our budget, they base it on the estimated revenues coming in. The believe we are moving cash that we don't have and that is what is hurting us.
 - y. Donald "Butch" Williams - so what Bob Harris said the other day was Bull _ _ _ _ !
 - z. Robert Brack – everyone one has got to tighten up their belts-until we get taxes back on schedule
 - aa. Donald "Butch" Williams – I don't want the DLGF or Governors office to say this Council doesn't know what they are doing. We have seven days (to respond to the 1782 notice).
 - bb. Robert Brack – has ideas to go over budgets for cuts and would like to sit down with Butch.
 - cc. Donald "Butch" Williams – I am open for suggestions
- IX. Consultant for County Council
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – we need someone who is very neutral and will work for us. Could the AIC advise us?
 - b. Catherine Stockhoff – they can give you a list, but it will be a list of people who give them money.
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – will call Cary (Pickens). Will try anything as long as it is reasonable. Questions the election rate and CAGIT
 - d. Catherine Stockhoff – she (Gail Snyder) took the election rate and stated she included the CAGIT but her work has not been reviewed yet. Assuming it is at the DLGF. From the office standpoint would like you to work on it because the sooner we get it back to the DLGF the quicker we can get it back and receive tax rates.
- X. Special Meeting
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – you (Catherine Stockhoff) or I can call a special meeting at any time. If something happens and you need to call it-call it.
 - b. Catherine Stockhoff – the meeting you are having on Friday is about what?
- XI. Adjourn
 - a. Robert Runyon motions to adjourn
 - b. Kenneth Rosenberger seconds the motion
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – outa here